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PATENT

Customer No. 22,852

Attorney Docket No. 04995.0044-01

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

Anthony MAURELLI et al.

Application No.: 10/034,213

Filed: January 3, 2002

For: METHODS OF IDENTIFYING BACTERIAL  
GENES THAT ARE INCOMPATIBLE WITH  
BACTERIAL PATHOGENICITY, AND THE  
USE OF SUCH GENES, SUCH AS CADA, TO  
REDUCE PATHOGENICITY IN A BACTERIA  
OR TO COMBAT PATHOGENIC BACTERIAL  
INFECTIONS

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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL**

Applicants now reply to the Final Office Action mailed October 28, 2003. This reply is accompanied by a petition and small entity fee for a one-month extension of time to March 1, 2004, as February 28, 2004, falls on a Saturday.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, Applicants propose the amendments shown on the following pages.

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